Beattie Murder the Most Talked of Crime Since the Thaw Shooting in New York City

Slaying of Young Wife Took Place on Night of July Eigtheenth.

RICHMOND, Va., Nov. 24.—When the Commonwealth of Virginia today took the life of Henry Clay Beattle, jr., there was written the last chapter in a mur-der case which awoke international interest, which convulsed the State of Virginia and neighboring sections, which produced generally more discussion and debate than any murder case since Harry Kendall Thaw shot and killed Stanford White at Madison Square Roof.

Garden, five or six years ago.
It was on July 19 that this discussion debate began, for at about 11 o'clock the night before Henry Clay Beattle, jr., had driven to the Thomas Owen home, in South Richmond, steering his motor car with one hand and clasping in his other arm the lifeless body of his wife, whom he had married less than a year before and who had given birth to a son only a few weeks

Beattie Suspected.

Suspicion was directed toward Beattle as soon as his extraordinary tale was told of the murder having been committee by a "bearded stranger." This sus-picion increased when he told the story lifferently each time as respects material points. And the young husband's conduct immediately after the murder was scarcely normal. No visible grie swayed him; instead, he was calm and ected, until he had drunk considerable which, which testimony at the trial showed he eagerly sought.

By 1 o'clock in the morning Richond police, Chesterfield county detectives and private investigators were all at work. The Midlothian pike and the ordering country had been scoured for signs of the "bearded stranger" and no sign nor hint of him was found. None was ever found save for some quite suspicious statements at the trial, intro-

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Paul's story was discovered, proving that paul's story was true in respect to many of the details, establishing an alibi for him on the night of the murder, and covering Henry Beattle's movements for days preceding the death of Mrs. Beattle, and particularly his movements that night.

Opinion Against Beattie.

A great deal of that testimony became public knowledge as fast as it was discovered, and this circumstance served to strengthen the general opinion in Richmond and Chesterfield county that Beattle was guilty. Among the important items of testimony thus discovered were the facts that Beattle, or at least a young man looking exceedingly like him, had been seen alone in his car like him, had been seen alone in his car near the scene of the homicide at an early hour in the evening. The witness to this was Roland Sydnor, a dairyman, who, on seeing Beattle in the Henrico county jall, declared positively he was the man. At the trial Sydnor declined to swear positively that it was Beattle whom he saw, but said he felt convinced that it was he nevertheless. That testimony became important in connection with the prosecution's theory that Beattle took the gun to the crime

Beattie Indicted.

Watson, whose circuit includes Chester, field county, refused to listen to the defense's pleas for more time, pleas not very heartedly made and backed up, the court said, by no good reason. The trial was set to begin the Monday following. August 21, three days more than a month after the murder had been committed. Three days after the trial began occurred the first wedding anniversary of Henry Clay Beattle and Louise Owen.

When the trial began, aside from its outcome, interest centered in what Beulah Binford would testify to. That young weman had been held as a wit-Watson, whose circuit includes Chester.

Principals in Beattle Case

Henry Clay Beattle, jr., aged twenty-eight years, son wealthy merchant,

Louise Owen Beattle, aged twenty-one years, murdered woman, married August 24, 1910, member of Owen family of Richmond, being daughter of Robert Owen, and niece of Thomas and Ben Owen.

Paul Douglas Beattle, first cousin of Henry Clay Beattle, jr., s "poor relation," whom executed wife murderer used to carry messages to Beulah Binford and to buy gun with which Mrs. Beattle was slain.

Beulah Binford, girl of seventeem with whom Beattle had been intimate and stood by him throughout the trial.

Henry Clay Beattle, sr., father of murderer, who has spent a fortune trying to save son from

Luther L. Scherer, general claim agent Chesapeake and Ohio railroad; hunted up evidence against Beattle, on suggestion of Thomas Owen.

Louis Wendenburg, special prosecutor, who conducted trial at Chesterfield court house. Harry M. Smith, chief counsel for

Beattle. Judge Walter Watson, who presided at trial.

picious statements at the trial, introduced by the defense, and which Beatie's own attorneys evidently rated as sot very convincing, for they did not so much as refer to this evidence when they made their pleas to the jury.

The first day after the murder developed little positive evidence. It was seen by Luther L. Scherer, a Chesapeake and Ohio official in whose hands the investigation was placed, that Beatie's story was impossible as to certain details and on being questioned Beattle himself admitted that the "bearded stranger" had not stoed on the side of the road which he at first said he did. The shot gun was found that morning by a colored woman on the way into South Richmond, but there was nothing incriminating in the gun as yet.

Binford Girl In Custody.

Unuttered suspicions existed in the minds of many people at this timesuspicions which people were loath to form into words and direct accusation was not to come for three days more. The next day Beulah Binford was taken into custody. Beattle's relations with this young woman were common knowledge among many people in Richmond, and Scherer and his men quietly secured knowledge of her whereabouts and she was taken temporarily to the home of George Jarrell, county detective of Chesterfield county.

All this text Commonwealth of search and scherer in the residence with the search as the series of the son she had born to him, or of which he was the reputed father; of her intimacy with him whome and of a chapter in the tragety of which the less said the better, except to remark that it formed the generally believed real motive for the murder—Beattle's fear that his father would learn all about his relations with Beulah Binford and cut off his income.

Didn't Ge on Stand.

All this the Commonwealth offered in

Didn't Go on Stand. Chesterfield county.

The inquest, postponed because of desire to secure more evidence, began Friday afternoon, July 21. Beattle, now represented by Harry M. Smith, withstood the fire of questions directed at him the first day, and emerged triumphant as respects popular opinion.

While this first inquest session was going on E. J. Houchens, father-in-law of Paul Beattle, the cousin, appeared at police station and told of the commission which Henry had given Paul to buy

sion which Henry had given Paul to buy the gun. The next afternoon Paul appeared in the stand, fainted, came to, raved, and recovering a little later told the story of the purchase of the gun at his cousin's desire, and of its delivery. A warrant had been sworn out for Henry Beattie and it was served on him in the middle of this Saturday afternoon.

After Paul Beattie's story, the rest of the evidence hunting was chiefly for corroborative facts. A great mass of testimony was discovered, proving that pof testimony was discovered, proving that pof the details, establishing an alibi for him on the night of the murder, and covering Henry Beattie's movements for days preceding the death of Mrs. Beattie, and particularly his movements that night.

Certain a proposition as a witness that it was sintended as a witness that it was sitned to summon her to the stand, for it was known that she was still fond of Beattie, and it was learned during the trial that the two had even been corresponding when both were prisoners in the Henrico jail through the medium of a "trusty."

Accordingly Paul Beattie became the stellar witness of the Commonwealth both in respect to importance of evidence in itself and to interest in the witness. He was called to the stand late one afternoon soon after the trial that this circumstance had moved the stand that the two had even been corresponding when both were prisoners in the Henry opin the Commonwealth both in respect to importance of evidence in itself and to interest in the witness. He was called to the stand the trial that this circumstance had moved the trial that t 'I wish to God I had not done it.

The court room of the little old but historic court house of Chesterfield got its first vigorous sensation when Paul Beattle told of this alleged oral confes-

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There was a sharp intake of breath on the part of every one present, an inhalation in unison, so that it sounded something like a great big hiss, somethink like a gigantic sigh. Twice again during the trial was this occurrence noted, when the whole court room thus audibly expressed its shocked state. Sensation In Court.

Paul Beattle hal told his story to be tween 300 and 400 men and half a dozen women. Most of the people present heard the story from the inside of the That testimony became important in connection with the prosecution's theory that Beattite took the gun to the crime scene before the homicide, hiding it behind a stump. Bloodhounds given the scent at the big pool of blood went immediately to that stump. This bloodhound testimony was not introduced at the trial, however.

Also the detectives discovered that a party of Richmond's gilded youth returning from a dance at Bon Air, beyond the crime scene, saw shortly before the murder occurred an automobile standing still where the pool of blood was found. A young woman stood on the step of the car, said these young men, and a young man described to resemble Beattie was at the front of the car. Beattle's own story was that he did not leave the automobile until after the stranger had shot and killed his wife.

An effort was made to nullify the Bon Air party's testimony by showing that Charles Kastelburg, a Richmond wholesale meat dealer, had been at the spot on the Midlothian pike with a young woman whom he had met rather casually in front of a hotel in Richmond that evening. In rebuttal testimony, the Commonwealth showed that Kastelburg had been out on the pike much earlier in the evening than the time when the Bon Air youths came joy riding home. In fact, the Kastelburg testimony served chiefly to put Mr. Kastelburg in an unfavorable light.

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Watson, whose circuit includes Chester. "Call your next witness, Mr. Wenden-

Binford Girl Played Leading Role In the Early Part of Trial.

y white, the cold sweat broke out chalky white, the cold sweat broke various over him.

Mrs. Owen's appearance as a witness was a surprise to the defendant, as it was a surprise to almost everyone else. Only her two brothers and Wendenburg and Scherer had known that at midnight before Mrs. Owen had arrived in Richmond from Dover, had been secretly taken to Ben Owen's home, and had been brought out in a closed automobile to the vicinity of the court house.

In the woods, a quarter of a mile away, Mrs. Owen's car remained until Wendenburg sent a messenger for her. Then the car was driven close beside the court house, and on the steps, out of sight, she remained until her name was called.

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Like everyone else, including his counsel, Beattle had believed the statement given out by Luther Scherer, that Mrs. Owen would not testify, that her health would not permit, and that anyhow her testimony could be of no great

Gave Important Testimony.

When her testimony had been heard about Beattle's habits, about what her daughter had told her of her unhappiness just after the birth of the baby, it was deemed by all that Mrs. Owen's testimony had been of the foremost importance in establishing the motive for the crime.

It was a fearful ordeal for her and she was a figure to rouse the pity of the most stony-hearted. Not even the face of Henry Clay Beattle, sr., when he heard the jury cry "guilty, guilty, guilty," was more sad, more pitiable, than Mrs. Owen's when she took the stand and lifted her veil. Her face was the color of old salt and her pose reminded a woman correspondent of The Times of St. Gauden's statue of "Grief," so similarly did the two figures sit, so significant both of a broken heart.

It was when Mrs. Owen entered the court room that for the second time was heard the whole roomful of men draw in the breath with an audible intake. The third time was during Special Prosecutor Wendenburg's closing address.

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The Commonwealth's case in chief was generally voted disappointing. There had been too little novelty, for one thing, to satisfy the popular desire. Beulah iBnford had not been heard and the public was unaware of what smashing blows Wendenburg was holding in reserve for his rebuttal. Mr. Wendenburg guessed correctly that Beattle would tak, the stand himself; that he would make certain statements state. would take the stand himself; that he would make certain statements, statements which Wendenburg was prepared to disprove most convincingly. It was in this generalship and in his clossiddress that the special prosecutor showed that forecasts of his ability had not been overstated. Harry M. Smith, quicker of mind, had had the advantage of the prosecutor in the cousparring and had conducted a brilliant cross-examination of Paul Beattle.

The Defense's Case. The defense began its case with evidence heretofore referred to, to the effect that a mysterious stranger had been seen on the Midlothian pike. The somewhat seedy looking witnesses who testified to this effect were followed by E. H. Neblitt, who made his attack on Paul Beattie about the gun being in the cement house, and after Mr. Beat-tle, sr., had testified the decks were

and failed to budge him an inch. Forced into ugly situations, Beattle would take refuge in an "I do not remember." In a contradiction he could not be involved. Seeing that this line of attack would not win, Mr. Wendenburg began

would not win, Mr. Wendenburg began to lay the foundation for the rebuttal evidence, and again he committed Beattle to statements which the inquisitor knew he could refute the next day. And the next day he did so.

Beattle had left the stand feeling pretty good. So felt his attorneys, and his father and brother, none of whom his sleeve. It came with cumulative effect the next morning. Witness after witness took the stand to swear that Beattle had led about not having been with Paul the night the gun was defendant wore nothing hinting at mourning for his wife, "the wife he prisoner's statement.

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Immediately after this the prosecutor room vesture by calling attention to the normal during the trial was great use to them. A marked variant from the normal during the trial was on the stand, and Paul was called in by Harry Smith and dramatically confronted with the wist-ness.

Generally, the defendant sever i days inter when his father testified. Tears then coursed down the prisoner's cheeks when his father talked of the happy married life of Henry Clay Beattle, Jr. and Louise Owen Beattle. Nearly every one believed the tears prompted by genuine emotion. Only a few, more hardened or more observant, pointed out that Beattle had been prompted by genuine emotion.

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HENRY CLAY BEATTIE, Sr.

close. The next day, Wednesday, there was no session because the attorneys were in Richmond, preparing instructions to the jury which ware read by Judge Watson before Hill Carter, associate counsel for Beattie, began speaking Thursday morning. The instructions seemed to most people to lean heavily to the defense. But Mr. Wendenburg and Commonwealth Attorney J. M. Gregory declared they did not do so more than ordinarily, and he declared the rest of the day, and Harry M. Smith began his address at the morning session Friday. September 3. He spoke until adjournment.

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Mr. Wendenburg followed in the effort of his life. His closing paragraph, where he referred to the hapless baby crying vainly for his mother, moved nearly the whole court room to tears, all but two or three of the jury being made to weep. Before this he had stunned the room with his reference to three wife murderers whom the State of Virginia punished on the strength of circumstantial evidence, and circumstantial evidence, and circumstantial evidence, and circumstantial evidence, and then go the graye of leter Phillips, to the grave of Jeter Phillips, to the grave of McCue, those three Virginia murders. Turn this man free, and then apologize to their dead bodies, and place a black band round the escutcheon of Virginia forever."

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Hill Carter protested against the reference, but the court refused to support him. Wendenburg went on with his "element of cheapness" remarks, the only part of the address which made Heattic visibly wince. He had sat unmoved when Wendenburg called him the most cold-blooded murderer and cowardly assassin of the century.

As Mr. Werdenburg began this part of his address he held in his hand the coat Besttie had worn on the night of the 18th of July. "There is an element of cheapness about this whole affair," of cheapness about this whole affair, said the prosecutor cuttingly. "Look at said the prosecutor cuttingly." "Look at said the prosecutor remarks, the

of cheapness arout this whole aftair, said the presecutor cuttingly. "Look at the \$2 shotgun, at the 5 cents' worth of shells. Look at the 15-cent box of candy we hear he bought for his wife that night, and, gentlemen of the jury, look at the coat the prisoner wore that night.

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Mrs. Sue Mulbey, 156 Alley 14, Wheeling, W. Va.

Slaver Said Wife Was Shot Down By Bearded Stranger.

them, nor did Peattie's modish vesture particularly appeal to the countrymen who formed the twelve men in the jury

Father's Fortune Wrecked.

The father, a man to whom the symrathy of all goes out today, had been the best witness in his son's behalf. Better, probably, than Beattle himself, because Beattle was so calm about his wife's death and because of the denials he made of circumstances which the Commonwealth proved next day. Henry Clay Beattle, ar., is broken

In fortune today as well as in spirit. His son's defense has cost him many thousands of dollars—how many thousands can only be guessed. But it is said in Richmond that Harry Smith and Hill Carter got \$5,000 each, and Mr. Smith may have received even more. Besides this thousands of dollars were spent for work by detectives and other expenses.

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Yet the father really offered little new in testimony besides the statement about how Beattle behaved at the Owen home after the murder. The testimony about Beattle's early life, his veracity to his father, and so forth, was first printed in an interview with Henry Clay Beattle, sr., in this paper two weeks before the trial began.

Readers of this newspaper will also recall vividly the circumstances of the verdict rendered in less than an hour after the jury had retired. Two extraordinary features marked the solemn hour. One was the action of the jury, all calling out the fateful word, guilty. This was a mistake on their part, for the foreman alone was supposed to have spoken.

An Agonizing Period.

After this came an agonizing ten mir ites, Mr. Wendenburg discovered that the written verdict did not contain the words, "In the first degree," and Judge Watson sent the jury back to "determine what degree of murder you have found the defendant guilty of." No doubt really existed that the jury would came back and say the four

During the trial he was frequently the most unconcerned man in the court-foom. If a pretty girl, and there were several such in the courtroom on occasional days; if a pretty face crossed his vision, Beattle tried to catch the owner's eyes. He was ready to fiirt on a second's notice.

Another side of his character seemed to be revealed when he first caught

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Exhibits the Coat.

"This defendant, gentlemen, was so atraid of shedding some of his own wife's blood on one of his dapper new suits that he put on an old coat that night. How old Look!"

Mr. Wendenburg now pulled out the lining of the inside pocket of the coat.

"Look at the date." he cried. "March, less.

Beattle Case Chronology

July 18 (11 p. m.)-Mrs. Louise Owen Beattle murdered. July 19 (1 a. m.) -L. L. Scherer and detectives begin work. July 20-Beulah Binford taken in-

to custody. July 21-Inquest begun. July 22-Paul Beattle at inquest;

Henry Clay Beattle, jr., ar-August 14—Beattle indicted. August 21-Trial at Chesterfield

Court House begun. September 4—Beattle on stand in own behalf.

September 8-Jury finds verdict of guilty. November 10-Supreme Court refused new trial.

November 14—Governor Mann refused to intervene, November 24-Beattle electrocuten in penitentiary.

screwing up the upper part of his face for a minute or two before his father reached this part of his testimony, and that if Beattie had been trying artificial-ly, to stimulate the lachrymal giands, he was pursuing, or seemed to be pursuing, the obviously necessary course. How Richmond Feels.

Richmond will rejoice that the last the time of the trial, but only the fact of the execution could have evoked this. The capital of the Old Dominion has been sensation-racked, sensation-surfeited through the Beattle case, and but for the new circumstances today and the extraordinary interest which an execution always arouses in the human the local trial tri

Suspicion Directed Toward Young Husband Almost From First.

breast interest could not have mounted so high today as it did. Most Virginians approve of what took place early this morning in the small windowless room in the State penitentiary. The effect of punishment of criminals as a deterrent upon potential criminals is a debatable proposition at least, say criminologists, but the theory of the law is that Virginia wives will walk more safely through life because of what happened in Richmond to

German in Court To Study Methods

Hans Eliger, a representative of the German government, sent here to study reformatory methods, has spent yes-terday at Juvenile Court. Seated on the platform beside Judge De Lacy, he watched all the cases closely, frequently asking questions about the methods of procedure. Herr Ellger's home is in Luttrighausen.

A dozen misses from Rust Hall also attended the court in the afternoon to study the methods of procedure there.

The Rev. I. M. Green **Buried In Stafford**

Funeral services for the Rev. Ivan Marshall Green, who died at the home of his father, John M. Green, of Stafchapter was written this morning. In-ford Court House, Va., were held this terest has been revived lately, and was morning in the Aquia Protestant Episcoas feverish yesterday and today as at pal Church at Stafford Court House,

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On returning from a recent trip, Dr. F. Furner, the physician, scientist, and traveller, who has won fame and world-wide renown through his writings and scientific researche accorded an interview to press representatives, who were astounded by his loss of more than 100 pounds of excessive fat since

set about inquiring among French physicians, searching through various records, and asking questions of all who would be likely to know anything about it. I am glad to say my efforts were ultimately rewarded by the discovery of a system of weight reduction that I am told has been handed down from generation to generation in France sin days of the empire. I was assured that this method enabled all who were in possession of the secret to reduce their weight practically at will, and to retain a graceful, slender, stylish figure without regard to what they ate, or how much they ate. Since it called for no medicine, strenuous exercise dieting, etc., or anything that could possibly dieting, etc., or anything that could possibly be harmful in any way, I determined to give the method a trial at once and was fairly startled to behold the wonderful change it made in my appearance, and the improvement in my health that was noticeable from the very first. My fat began to vanish at the rate of one pound a day, sometimes more. I knew I had at last discovered the secret that had been valuly sought for years, and I continued the treatment until I had lost more than 160 pounds in weight. I became stronger with every pound I jost, and soon regained all my old-time vigor of both body and mind. It made me feel twenty years younger to be rid of all the fat that had formed inside and outside my body. After discontinuing the

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Dr. Caldwell:

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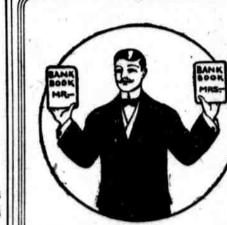
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